



Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless it contains a valid OMB control number.

Approved for use through 10/31/2002. OMB 0651-0031  
**U.S. Patent and Trademark Office: U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**  
1401 L Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20540-0001  
A collection of information unless it contains a valid OMB control number

Substitute for form 1449A/PTO

## **INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT BY APPLICANT**

(use as many sheets as necessary)

Sheet 1 of 1

<p>Substitute for form 1449A/PTO</p> <p><b>INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT BY APPLICANT</b></p> <p><i>(use as many sheets as necessary)</i></p>				<p><i>Complete if Known</i></p>	
<p>Sheet</p>		<p>1</p>	<p>of</p>	<p>1</p>	<p>Attorney Docket Number</p>
<p>Application Number</p>		<p>10/687,950</p>			
<p>Filing Date</p>		<p>October 17, 2003</p>			
<p>First Named Inventor</p>		<p>Henry M. Gallops, Jr.</p>			
<p>Group Art Unit</p>		<p>3712</p>			
<p>Examiner Name</p>					

## U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

Examiner Signature	John A. Ricci Primary Examiner	Date Considered	6/24/04
--------------------	-----------------------------------	-----------------	---------

**EXAMINER:** Initial if reference considered, whether or not claim is in conformance with MPEP 609. Draw line through claim if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant.

<sup>1</sup> Applicant's unique citation designation number (optional). <sup>2</sup> See Kinds Codes of USPTO Patent Documents at [www.uspto.gov](http://www.uspto.gov) or MPEP 901.04. <sup>3</sup> Enter Office that issued the document, by the two-letter code (WIPO Standard ST.3). <sup>4</sup> For Japanese patent documents, the indication of the year of the reign of the emperor must precede the serial number of the patent document. <sup>5</sup> Kind of document by the appropriate symbols as indicated on the document under WIPO Standard ST.16 if possible. <sup>6</sup> Applicant is to place a check mark here if English language Translation is attached.

**Burden Hour Statement:** This form is estimated to take 2.0 hours to complete. Time will vary depending upon the needs of the individual case. Any comments on the amount of burden you are required to complete this form should be sent to the Chief Information Officer, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, Washington, DC 20231. DO NOT SEND FEES OR COMPLETED FORMS TO THIS ADDRESS. SEND TO: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450. 001405-000342.CJM/dys.260386